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Travel and Residence Controls

1. In early 1954, each family in Shanghai was required to have a census registration card. Any request for permission to travel was submitted to the appropriate police sub-station along with the census registration card, and supported by adequate papers based on the type of travel requested. After permission was granted, the police returned the census registration card to the head of the family with the official markings indicating authorization for the travel. The registration card was the most important card required of any family. It could be used as an identification card as well as a ration card. The police staffs in the census registration office were on duty twenty-four hours daily.
2. Temporary residents had to be reported to the police station on the first day of their arrival. The family head concerned was required to present his census registration card at the police station and give the name, occupation, original address or residence, date of arrival, and date of departure of the transit personnel. A transit permit would not be issued to a person intending to remain for more than 90 days.
3. In early June 1954, travelers from Shanghai to Hong Kong were subject to random luggage inspections by policemen stationed at the railway station in Shanghai. The routine of inspection at Canton was similar. When registering at a hotel, a traveler was required to indicate the type of travel papers he had. At Shench'uan the search was very thorough both of body and luggage. When passing the Ch'ient'ang River (6929/1048) Bridge and the Changshu (2874/2885) Bridge, all window curtains of the train were pulled down and the passengers were told to remain seated. The train guards carried pistols instead of sub-machine guns as formerly.

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Political Conditions

4. As of May 1954, the Shanghai Resident's Committee had been reorganized and enlarged. The once independent Family Women's Association had been incorporated into the Women's Affair Section of the Resident's Committee. The jurisdiction of the Resident's Committee had been enlarged to include approximately 20,000 residents for each committee. The main functions of the committee were scheduling of residents for inoculation against cholera and typhoid, mediation of disputes prior to their submission to the district courts, and application for and issuance of ration cards.
5. The city organization of Shanghai in May 1954 consisted of 22 districts under the mayor. Under each district chief there were several sections, including the following: Real Estate, Civil Administration, and Commerce and Industry sections. The municipal Public Security Bureau (PSB) was also organized to parallel this civil organization. The PSB had 22 districts with jurisdiction in the 22 civil districts.³
6. The vaccine used in inoculations for cholera and typhoid in Shanghai came from the Soviet Union and was given as a single inoculation. Newly inoculated persons were given three shots. Persons inoculated each year received boosters to bring their shot total up to three. Children were being inoculated against a disease called "white throat."⁴

Economic Conditions

7. As of May the Shanghai government was encouraging young people to take positions in factories under an apprenticeship system to learn mechanical trades. The government was discouraging those finishing primary school from seeking further formal education and encouraging them to take positions in the factories to learn trades.⁵ Positions for apprentices were open in the fields of general mechanics, textile machinery, motor repairs, and electricity.
8. The Shanghai government was giving the death penalty to persons attempting to circumvent its authority as the sole distributor of commodities. This measure had kept any black market from emerging in staple commodities.
9. In May the owners of the Yung Feng Consignment Company, Nanking Road and Shansi Road North, were going to sell their business for JMP 70 million. This was the result of a personal disagreement between the owner, YIN Yun-kang (3009/7189/1511), and his partner.
10. In March the Hsing Lung Company (5281/7127), also known by the English name Gripper, was engaged in import-export trade with Eastern Europe and with West Germany. The company was handling grains, feathers, peppermint, and straw for hats. KAO Tsung-ching (7559/1350/1987) was the manager, and six clerks and two messengers were employed at the company.

Comments

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1. Another untested source reported in May 1954 that the Chinese Communists had promulgated new security measures in South China, including the following: strict inspection of passengers at railroad depots, bus stations, and wharves; enforcement of curfew laws and residence inspection in the larger cities along the South China coast; and mail censorship with periodic interviews by the local public security authorities of those persons accustomed to writing friends or relatives overseas.

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2. Probably at N 30- , E 120- .

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4. Comment. This is probably diphtheria.

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in late March 1954, Chinese Communist authorities in Wenchow were banning graduates of the Chung Hsin primary school from entering middle school in order to increase local production by making the children available for work.

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